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Also enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references. Copies of the cited non-US references are also enclosed herewith. Copies of the cited US references are not enclosed pursuant to the USPTO waiver of the requirement to submit copies of cited US references. The relevance of each reference is specifically explained in either the International Search Report or the application specification and the abstract of each reference provides a concise explanation thereof.

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